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SOURCE:

1. Members of the "bourgeois parties" in the DDR are persuaded that these parties are soon to be liquidated. At a session of the "Democratic Bloc of Anti-Fascist Parties" on 20 January 1953 there were tumultuous scenes over the Dertinger arrest. Members of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) accused Otto Nuschke of lacking any political importance. In the party meeting resolutions were passed in favor of increased watchfulness against traitors. The SSD searched the offices of the CDU in Berlin.
2. The old disagreement between Otto Nuschke and Gerald Götting, general secretary of the CDU, has become intensified. Götting went to the Ministry of State Security to attempt to bring Nuschke under control. Nuschke is in St. George hospital as the result of an accident, closely watched by SSD men.
3. At the meetings of the National Democratic Party (NDP) on 24 January 1953 in Berlin-Treptow and on 25 and 26 January 1953 in Halle, arrests were feared. The second president, Heinrich Homann, told the Berlin meeting that the party would not resist an order to dissolve if it were given in the interests of building a socialist state.

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